	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	10/815,196	SHAW ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Nathan J. Newhouse	3727
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1. X This communication is responsive to filing of 10/815196.		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-18</u> .		
3. The drawings filed on 31 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.		
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Attachment(s) 1. ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0 Paper No./Mail Date	6. ☐ Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Dat 8), 7. ☑ Examiner's Amendn	è ′

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 11 "inlet aperture" has been replaced by --inlet aperture. --.

Claim 7, line 11 "inlet aperture;" has been replaced by --inlet aperture.--.

Claim 17, line 15 "elastomer;" has been replaced by --elastomer.--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach a fuel cap comprising a body with an outlet and inlet aperture, a support member (claims 7, 16, 17) or pillar (claims 1 and 18) carried by the cap body adjacent the outlet aperture, a second support member (claims 7, 16, 17) or second pillar (claims 1 and 18) carried by the cap body adjacent the inlet aperture, an outlet aperture cover with a mounting aperture to receive the support member (claims 7, 16, 17) or pillar (claims 1 and 18) and adapted to flex to opening and closing positions of the outlet aperture and an inlet aperture cover with a mounting aperture to receive the second support member (claims 7, 16, 17) or second pillar

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(claims 1 and 18) and adapted to flex to opening and closing positions of the inlet

aperture.

As set forth in claim 5, the prior art of record does not teach a fuel cap outlet and inlet vent apparatus wherein the improvement comprises an outlet aperture vent and inlet aperture vent in a fuel cap body, first and second metal reeds, each attached at one end and closing one of the outlet and inlet aperture vents with the other end that has a coating of plastic elastomer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan J. Newhouse whose telephone number is (571)-272-4544. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 6:00 to 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lee W. Young can be reached on (571)-272-4549. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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